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North Dakota Department of Health Hosts Upcoming Injury Prevention Conference

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health's Division of Injury Prevention and Control is sponsoring the "Preventing and Responding to Injuries" Conference, Oct. 3-4, 2012, at the Radisson Hotel in Bismarck, N.D. The conference is designed for people who work in law enforcement, mental health, youth services, emergency medical services, traffic safety, domestic and sexual violence advocates, and public health. The conference is open to anyone interested in reducing and preventing injury to citizens in North Dakota.

The purpose of the conference is to promote awareness, prevention and intervention of unintentional and intentional injuries. Keynote speakers and topics include:

- D.E. Moseman, President of Sure Destination Center for Safety Reaching Today's Teens will present methods to help bridge the communication barrier in order to communicate more effectively.
- David S. Lee, MPH, Director of Prevention Services at the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault will draw upon the social ecological model and other related models to develop comprehensive prevention efforts.
- Carol Meidinger, child passenger safety consultant and a nationally-certified child passenger safety instructor will address the unique needs of occupants through the various stages of life from infancy to mature adults.
- D.C. Faber, MAJ (Ret), CEO of Faber Groupsynergy LLC The Faber Post-Trauma Model, along with its Suicide Prevention Module, and Post-Traumatic Growth presentation challenges a long held core assumption in the mental health community that those who have experienced trauma are past-emotionally focused.
- Anna Briggs, Corey Campbell, and Kaylan Stinson, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) will provide information about the demographics and baseline health of working populations in North Dakota, occupational health trends and comparisons with other state and/or national data.
- Hollie Hendrikson, policy analyst from National Conference of State Legislatures will provide tips and tools to help you effectively communicate with your state legislators.

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Additional topics include:

- Human Trafficking in North Dakota
- Suicide Prevention in the Military
- Falls Prevention Strategies
- Older Drivers "Tsunami"
- Danger Assessments with Victims of Intimate Partner Violence
- ABCSS of Trauma
- Return to Play Guidelines in Sport Concussions
- Abuse in Later Life
- The Bakken Impact and Future
- Emergency Medical Services at a Crossroads in North Dakota

To learn more about the conference or to register, visit www.ndhealth.gov/injury/trainings.htm or call Diana Read at 701.328.4537 or 800.472.2286.

Note to the media: A news conference will also be held in conjunction with the conference on Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. in the Van Gogh-Remington Room at the Radisson Hotel in Bismarck. A media advisory will be released later this week. During the news conference, some of the keynote speakers will be available for interviews.

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